

REMARKS

The interview with examiner Vicky Johnson on January 26, 2006 is acknowledged with appreciation. The examiner's interview summary is accurate as to what transpired at the interview.

The above changes to the specification were discussed and it was agreed the change to page 4 overcomes the objection to the specification and the changes at page 6 clarifies a basis in the specification for the means biasing the weights.

Claim 21 has been amended to clarify that the first flange moves axially with respect to the second flange as described in the specification. This clarification overcomes the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection.

Claim 22 was discussed and it replaces claim 1.

With the present amendment, claims 16 and 22 are in 36 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 6, format.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims (Nos. 2-22) are in condition for allowance and such action is, respectfully, requested.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (3057-73240).

Respectfully submitted,
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